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THE WEEK.

Monday, 8th December.

MR. CAINE lately delivered an address on the Congress at Madras.

THE services of Mr. Honvey, Governor-General's Agent, Central India, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Department from January 3rd.

THE Office of Deputy Secretary in the Home Department has been sanctioned. Mr. J. P. Hewett, at present Under-Secretary, will be appointed as the first incumbent.

SIR MORTIMER DURAND has been granted an extension of leave till the 1st of April, and he will, therefore, not resume the Foreign Secretaryship till the opening of the Simla season.

A MADRAS telegram to a contemporary says:—"Last night a painful scene occurred at a public meeting, called to protest against the raising of the age of consent. Sir Madava Rao was present, and severely criticised the would-be reformers, including his cousin, the Dewan Bahadur Raghunath Rao, who was present, and who replied in angry words. A stormy scene followed."

IT appears that the Hindu residents of Agra availed themselves of the presence of the Viceroy in their midst, and represented to His Excellency in a Memorial, that the local Magistrate, Mr. H. B. Finlay, C.S., had passed an unjust order, prohibiting the procession of the *Gowchurn Mela* along the principal streets in the town. The Memorialists state that in 1882, the same Magistrate passed a similar order, but it was set aside by Sir Alfred Lyall, the late Lieutenant-Governor of the N. W. P. Mr. Finlay has renewed the order on the ground that the local Mahomedans took objection to the Hindus beating the tom-tom before their *taziahs* during Mohurrum days.

IT has been just tested and found that the Jumna water is superior to the Ganges water in relative softness and freedom from salt and other chlorides.

THE Government of the N. W. Provinces is about to send a selected Officer to Madras and Bombay to collect information as to the working in those Presidencies of the system of Village Courts, and to report in regard to the probabilities of the system being usefully introduced into the N. W. Provinces.

THE section of the new Central Road from Sealdah to Amherst Street has been completed. As soon as the road meets Halliday Street, it is proposed to light it with electric light.

THE saltest piece of water upon earth is, according to Consul-General Stewart, the Lake of Urumia in Persia, situated more than four thousand feet above the sea level. It is much salter than the Dead Sea, the water being found on analysis to contain nearly 22 per cent of salt. The lake is eighty-four miles long and twenty-four miles broad, and its northern coasts are encrusted with a border of salt glittering white in the sun. It is said that no living thing can survive in it, except a very small species of jelly-fish.

SIR H. DRUMMOND WOLFF paid a farewell visit to the Shah prior to his departure for England. His Majesty received the British Minister very graciously and presented him with his portrait set in diamonds. The Shah also thanked Dr. Odling for his exertions in Sir H. D. Wolff's case, and congratulated him upon their successful result. His Excellency has in every respect recovered, but the doctors recommend some months' abstention from work.

THE *Rangoon Times* publishes a telegram from Mandalay which says that reliable information has been received that Kanslaing Sawbwa has again raised the rebel standard. He is reported to have reached Manwyne. It is also alleged that messengers have been despatched to Upper Burmah, apparently with the object of fomenting the insurrection. News from the same source says that the Chinamen at Mogaung are also much agitated, and work has ceased in many places. All these alarmist rumours are probably untrue.

A SUM of Rs. 28,000 is to be given by the Central Committee of the Dufferin Fund towards the cost of the new Maternity Hospital at Agra.

Tuesday, 9th December.

In laying down rules for the guidance of the Commissioners sent to India, the Committee of the National Leprosy Fund state that if it is thought well to leave one or more of their number to engage in bacteriological investigation at some central position where special facilities are afforded, such a plan will have the approval of the Committee. The Commissioners are also asked to take cognizance of the fact that it is the avowed desire of the Indian Government to deal by legislation with the leper question in India, and that such legislation has been temporarily postponed in consequence of appointment of this Commission; and shall accordingly in their final report state clearly the conclusions they have arrived at, and the ground for those conclusions, concerning the destability, or otherwise, firstly, of encouraging the voluntary, partial withdrawal of lepers from among the non-leprous population; secondly, of enforcing the complete isolation of all lepers: and, thirdly, of enforcing the isolation of certain lepers. The Commissioners in their final report shall also describe minutely what they believe to be the best plans for ensuring the efficient carrying out in practice of their recommendations relating to the treatment of lepers.

SIR GEORGE CAMPBELL, M. P., observes that a gentleman who often comes forward as the advocate of Manchester commercial interests—Mr. Holt S. Hallet—writes to the leading journal to protest against the Indian Factory Act being settled in India and insists that it should be laid upon the table of the House of Commons and debated there before it is sanctioned. Sir George ventures to say that this is just the course which he hopes will not be taken. The question is whether the matter is to be settled in the interest of the people of India or in the interest of Lancashire. If the former, the Indian Government and Legislative Council are far the best judges; if the latter, no doubt the House of Commons, where Lancashire interests are so strong, is the most likely place. The interest in this subject in the House of Commons is certainly great—very much greater than in most Indian subjects. But it curiously enough happens that the philanthrophic gentlemen who there actively move in the matter are invariably the representatives of English manufacturing constituencies, to whose trade the Indian manufactures threaten rivalry. "No, sir," says Sir George Campbell; "let us have some Home Rule for this country: let us manage our own affairs. But the worst tribunal to decide questions between English interests and those of the Indian people is the House of Commons, where one side is represented and the other is not."

A MEETING took place the other day of the majority of the Parnellite party, when it was resolved that Messrs. Justin McCarthy, Healy, Sexton, and others should start a Company for the purpose of establishing a daily Irish journal in opposition to the *Freeman's Journal*, and probably to purchase the *United Ireland*.

A MANIFESTO of the Irish Bishops has been recently read in the churches throughout Ireland, and the priests made special addressess upon it, in which they condemned Mr. Parnell

MR. PARNELL proceeds to Ireland this week, where he will address meetings at Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford.

A BILL has been introduced in the Washington Senate to provide for the recoinage of the subsidiary silver stock. Silver in America is estimated at six million two hundred ounces.

SAILENPEU and Khamliena have come in to Aijal and submitted. Thangula, another Chief, has also submitted. All these Chiefs are now at Aijal. Thangula presided over the meeting of warriors in Kalkham's village, when the outbreak was discussed and planned. This Chief, it is reported, was the only one who actually accompanied the warriors on the war path, all the other Chiefs ordering their men to go and fight while they remained at home.

MR. BALFOUR'S Bills for the relief of distress in West Ireland by the opening up of railway works and road construction have passed both Houses of Parliament.

Wednesday, 10th December.

BY the death of Sir JOHN WALTER HUDDLESTONE who was known in legal circles as "The Baron," the legal profession loses one of its brightest ornaments. Called to the Bar in 1839 at the age of twenty-four, he quickly rose to a prominent position in his profession, and in 1857 was appointed Queen's Counsel. It is said that no man at the bar in his time, except perhaps Mr. Hawkins, had so large a practice in *nisi prius*, and during his professional career he was counsel in almost every case of importance on the Oxford circuit, of which in time he became the acknowledged leader. He failed repeatedly in his attempts to enter Parliament; but finally in 1865 he managed to secure the representation of Canterbury, and while in the House brought forward the Hop (Prevention of Frauds) Bill, which was added to the Statute book. He was not at success in Parliament, nor had he the confidence of his constituents, for it appears that in 1875 he declined the office of Solicitor general, fearing that he should not be able to keep his new seat for Norwich, which he was then representing. Shortly after this refusal he was created Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, then a Baron of the Exchequer, and finally a Judge of the High Court. He received the honor of Knighthood when he became Baron of the Exchequer. His industry was proverbial, and without doubt he was one of the soundest and most practised lawyers of the day, while as a Judge he was noted for the carefulness with which his opinions and decisions were prepared.

THE Chamber of Commerce propose to address the Government of India on the question of *hundi* stamps, with a view to obtaining a ruling on the subject and if necessary, an amendment of law.

FEELING in Commercial circles regarding the financial situation in the United States is now more confident.

THE principal appointments on Lord Wenlock's Staff have been distributed. His younger brother, Captain Lawray, 7th Hussars, will be Military Secretary. The Medical Officer of the same regiment will be the Governor's Sugeon. Mr. Rees will be Private Secretary for one year. None of the present Aides-de-Camps will be appointed.

A TELEGRAM received by the P. and O Company from Bombay states that the steamer *Hongkong*, one of the Company's cargo vessels, struck on the Agalia rock near Perim, and that the Company's vessels *Shannon* and *Assam* have endeavoured to save her, but without success. The *Shannon* has proceeded on her voyage, and the *Assam* and a steam tug are standing by. *Salvage* is proceeding, as it is feared that the *Hongkong* may not be got off. The weather was very unfavourable, half a gale of wind blowing. The *Hongkong*, which is a comparatively new vessel, was built at Greenock, and was under the command of Captain W. J. B. Watkins when she went aground. She is a vessel of 3,2000 tons gross register, with engines of 2,000 effective horse-power. When she stranded, she was bound from London to Shanghai with general cargo. The P. and O. steamers *Rosetta* and *Bokhar* have been despatched to the scene.

The Portuguese Minister in London has been instructed by his Government to complain to Lord Salisbury concerning the action taken by the British South Africa Company's Police at Mutaca's Kraal.

ADVICES from Tripoli state that three thousand Turkish troops and a quantity of ammunition have been landed there, and the activity on the part of the military authorities continues unabated.

THE London Post Office has brought to notice that letters and packets received from India frequently sustain serious injury from sealing-wax adhering to covers other than those to which it is applied. The public are, therefore, advised not to use sealing-wax for seals outside letters and packets, except when such seals are necessary for the protection of the articles to which they are applied. When sealing-wax is used for seals outside letters and packets, a piece of tissue or other thin paper should be laid on the wax before the seal is applied. This precaution is necessary in the case of articles for the United Kingdom and foreign countries which have for several days to pass through very hot climates.

Thursday, 11th December.

THE doctors of Paris and Vienna deprecate any hasty conclusion being arrived at as to the efficiency of Dr. Koch's lymph, especially regarding cases of phthisis. It is reported also that some cases of lupus under Dr, Koch's care have repalsed. Nevertheless the *savants* of Berlin are still sanguine in the matter.

LORD WENLOCK sails for Madras in the beginning of January.

THE Food Inspectors of the Calcutta Corporation have addressed a representation to the Chairman, respecting the sale of unwholesome and adulterated food and articles of consumption in the City and Suburbs. There have been many complaints of the extensive practice of adulteration, and the apparent laxity of supervision of the Health Department. The object of the inspector seems to be to show that these complaints are not so reasonable as the writers may think. They say that the vendors of unwholesome food have taken warning by the frequent seizure and condemnation of articles by the Officers of the Corporation. The sale of rotten fish has been checked. But the rapidity with which fish becomes unfit for food sometimes renders detection impossible. Unwholesome vegetables have been destroyed by cart loads from Posta Bazar, the chief emporium, and the Inspectors say that "the sale of unwholesome food in Calcutta has become comparatively secure." Such a check having been given, there is less unwholesome good offered for sale, and the Inspectors urge that the amount of bad food seized should not be taken as a criterion of their work and exertions.

WITH regard to the alleged adulteration of sweetmeats, the Inspectors say there is no law by which the confections of the sweet-meat sellers can be regulated. They make them up according to their experience of the requirements of their customers. There is a large demand by the poorer classes for these things, and first-class articles cannot be supplied for the prices they are in a position to pay. Consequently oil, fat, and adulterated ghee are used in the preparation Then the Inspectors represent that in the event of finding adulterated ghee, the law does not empower them to confiscate the whole lot. The owner is fined a small sum, but he is amply compensated by the sale of his adulterated article, which he can dispose of surreptitiously. The long and short of the matter seems to be that the law is very unsatisfactory in this matter.

THE *Manchester Guardian* says :—'We print to-day a letter stating the aims of the new Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Indian Art. The cause is one that needs much help, and would receive more than it does if its object were better known. Sir George Birdwood has set forth the present state of affairs in his work on the "Industrial Arts of India" and, more recently Mr. C. Purdon Clarke has read three energetic papers, before the National Indian Association, the East India Association, and the Society of Arts. But the movement has not yet taken root, as might be wished, either among those who are learned in art but a little listless on this point, or among those who would be full of good-will if only they knew something about the facts of the matter. It is true that no striking results in the way of original work are expected even by the most hopeful. Indian art has not, like the art, of Japan, such a reserve of vitality as may furnish a brilliant revival. The perfect restoration of the spirit and method of the best Indian work of the best period would mean a return to religious and political conditions that are, for better or worse, quite out of the question. All that can be done now is perhaps little more than a picking up and respectful handling of the fragments that remain. But the best period of Indian decorative art was so supremely good of its kind that no one, who had once realised its goodness, would grudge any effort to secure even a lame and partial *renaissance* of the fine qualities of the older work.'

GENERAL Silverekoff, once Director of the Third Section of the Russian Chancellerie, has been assassinated at the Hotel de Bade, Paris, it is supposed by a Nihilist, in revenge for old official acts. The General was very suspicious and kept the doors of his rooms locked, the servant only allowing persons known to his master to enter. After breakfast on the 18th an ill-dressed visitor applied for audience, saying he was the bearer of an invitation to the General to a Franco-Russian concert and soiree. After reading the letter the General authorised the admission of the visitor, the servant retiring. After remaining a few minutes the visitor withdrew, and no noise was heard; but twenty minutes later, when the servant re entered the room, the General was found bleeding to death from a shot wound behind ear. He soon died. The assassin is believed to be a Nihilist.

Friday, 12th December.

THE published programme of the visit of the Czarewitch shows that His Imperial Highness will arrive at Nandgaon Station, G. I. P., Railway, within the Nizam's dominions, on the 26th instant, whence he goes straight to Roza, where he has breakfast. He afterwards visits the town and the tomb of Aurungzebe and others. On the morning of the 27th, he visits the caves within which he has breakfast; he then returns to Roza for the night, and early the next morning, he visits the fort at Dowlatabad, and then returns to Roza. In the evening, he leaves for Furdapore, *via* Pachora, where he arrives on the 29th The same evening he drives out for a general view of the caves and town. Early next morning, he enters the caves, and returns to town for breakfast, and leaves for Pachora, where he takes a special train for Bombay. The Minister does not, after all, go to receive His Imperial Highness, as originally announced.

A RESOLUTION just published regarding the mortality from wild animals and snakes shows that the Government of India had decided that reports on this subject should be submitted triennially; but in view of the large number of deaths occurring, the Secretary of State has expressed a wish that the reports should be published annually as before. His lordship, moreover, has inquired whether any further measures can be taken to reduce the mortality from snake-bite. The local Governments have been consulted on the matter. The returns show that this mortality has a tendency to increase, being most serious in Bengal, the North Western Provinces, and Oudh. During eleven years Rs. 2,37,000 have been expended, taking one Province with another, on the destruction of snakes, but with no practical result. Indeed, in some districts the rewards given have stimulated the breeding of the reptiles. The conclusion arrived at is that not much good can be effected by the reward system, and that the most effective way will be by destroying cover for snakes near villages. Sub-divisional officers and tehsilders are, therefore, to be directed to carry out this measure, and the Sanitary Board in each Province are to supervise their operations. The local Governments are left to decide whether the system of money rewards should be continued or not.

"WANTED a New Religion," forms the subject of an article in *Blackwood*. There can be no doubt (the author observes) but that the chief craving of modern "culture" in England is for new forms of religious belief. "Such being the position of affairs, I am about to suggest in this article the means whereby this craving for novel and fantastic creeds may be turned to practical account by young men anxious to get on in society. To aspirants for fame in London drawing-rooms, I say without hesitation, 'start a New Religion, and start it at once.' The world will turn an attentive ear to any fresh prophet who may appear upon the scene, provided only his doctrines bear the semblance of originality, and be dressed in a garb of attractive whimsicality. As yet the field is unoccupied by any favourite of commanding popularity, and this will, of course, be all in favor of the herald of the new evangel. To command attention he must naturally be possessed of certain necessary qualifications. Of these the first and most obvious are impudence unbounded and unblushing, and that faculty for self advertisement which forms now-a-days for ambitious mediocrity so admirable a substitute for genuine merit. In olden days men were taught that by faith they might remove mountains; we moderns prefer to put our trust in cheek." Only in two things let your faith be unbounded—in your noble self and in the infinite gullibility of the human species—and you may achieve much.

THE *Pioneer* writes:—The Sikkim-Tibet affair has almost been forgotten, but it must be remembered that, under the terms of the Anglo-Chinese Treaty, Commissioners have to be appointed to consider points connected with the encouragement of trade and the settlement of pasturage-rights, They must be nominated shortly, as it was agreed that the Commission should be formed within six months from the ratification of the Treaty, and this period will expire in February next. Mr. Hart is still at Darjeeling, and will of course represent the Pekin Government, while Mr. Paul is the most fitting representative of English and Indian interests. The Commissioners will have to visit the Chumbi Valley wherein the Sikkim people claim certain rights of grazing, but this trip cannot be made until the spring owing to the snow in the passes. The little garrison of Gnatong will, at any rate, give them a hearty welcome, for life in that dreary spot in the winter must be terribly depressing to officers and soldiers alike.

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Saturday, 13th December.

CONCURRENTLY with Mr. Mackenzie's assumption of the Chief Commissionership of Burma, several changes are taking place in the chief posts in the Commission. Mr. E. S Symes, Commissioner of the Southern Division, has been appointed to fill the new Chief Secretaryship to the Local Government recently sanctioned by the Secretary of State. He will probably be succeeded by Mr. F. S. Copleston, Deputy Commissioner of Myingyan. Mr. DeCourcey Ireland, Commissioner of Arracan, will retire shortly and will be succeeded by Major Parrott. Mr. Thirkell White, recently gazetted to the old Chief Secretaryship, remains in his present post till he goes on furlough early next year.

THE *Pioneer* says :—"There is another story told about Sir Barnes Peacock, this time in reference to an incident that occurred almost at the close of his Indian career, which, trifling as it may appear, illustrates the kindness of heart and love of justice which were at the root of his character. A poor old native woman came into his Court with a piece of paper in her hand and cried for justice. Sir B. Peacock, instead of having her turned out, requested to see the document, and found that it was a judgment which rejected her claim on grounds which appeared to him to be *prima facie* unsound. He thought it was open to revision, and suggested to her an application for review. When he learnt that the expense of such a process was entirely beyond the old woman's means, he ascertained the amount of her claim (some Rs. 200) and paid it out of his own pocket.

THE total number of deaths in the Town of Calcutta registered during the week ending 6th December was 308, against 268 and 278 in the two preceding weeks, and higher than the corresponding week of last year by 14. There were 43 deaths from cholera, against 37 and 25 in the two preceding weeks; the number is higher than the average of the past quinquennium by 4. There were no deaths from small-pox during the week, against one in the previous week. There were 11 deaths from tetanus against 5 in the previous week. The mortality from fevers and bowel-complaints amounted to 106 and 37 respectively, against 94 and 30 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 37 1 per mille per annum, against 34·5, the mean of the last five years.

THE total number of deaths in the Amalgamated Area of Surburbs registered during the week ending 6th December was 273, against 246 and 203 in the two preceding weeks, and lower than the corresponding week of last year by 23. There were 49 deaths from cholera, against 44 and 41 in the two preceding weeks; the number is higher than the average of of the past quinquennium by 23, There was one death from small-pox during the week, against nil in the previous week. There were 8 deaths from tetanus against 17 in the previous week. The mortality from fevers and bowel-complaints amounted to 115 and 41 respectively, against 81 and 39 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 84·7 per mille per annum, against 59·3, the mean of the last five years. The general death-rate of the combined area is equal to 504.

DR. KOCH'S treatment of tuberculosis is creating a tremendous sensation in Berlin, where two thousand doctors from all parts of Europe and America are flocking. The hotels are full of consumptive patients anxiously seeking admission to the hospital wards to undergo the treatment. The lymp is a brownish transparent liquid, the composition of which is still a secret. It must be injected subcutaneously between the shoulder blades and the lumber region. A healthy human being scarcely feels any results, but a tuberculosis patient suffers a severe general reaction, becoming feverish, accompanied by pain in the limbs, coughing, fatigue, and often vomiting. The attacks last for fifteen hours beginning four hours after the injection. The patients feel comparatively well afterwards, the cough and expectoration become less and less, and in favourable cases entirely disappear Hospitals for the cure of consumption are springing up everywhere in Germany. The average cost per patient is 25 francs a day, and the treatment is said to last six weeks.

THE *Moscow Gazette*, referring to Mr. Gladstone's speech at Edinburgh, regrets that it is no longer possible to regard the Liberal leader as a friend of Russia. It expresses astonishment at his change of attitude, and says that the credulity he displays is positively beyond belief. It concludes that, whether Mr. Gladstone comes back to power or not, England's hostile policy towards Russia cannot now be expected to change.

THE Leprosy Commission, that had been busily at work in Hyderabad since the 4th instant, have left for Madras.

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LECTURE by Dr. Mahendra Lal Sircar, on *Tuesday, 16th Inst*, at 7 P.M.

Subject: Specific Heat; Calorimetry. Latent Heat.

LECTURE by Babu Ram Chandra Datta, F.C.S. on *Wednesday*, the *17th Inst.*, at 4 P. M.

Subject: Phosphorous and its Compounds.

PRACTICAL CLASS in Chemistry under Babu Ram Chandra Datta, F C. S. on *Thursday*, the *18th Inst.*, at 4 P M.

Subject: Barium, Strontium, Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium.

LECTURE by the Rev. Father Lafont, S. J., C.I.E., on *Thursday* the *18th Inst.*, at 7 P. M.

Subject: Elliptical and Rotatory Polarisation.

LECTURE by Babu Ram Chandra. Datta, F C. S., on *Friday* the *19th Inst.*, at 4 P. M.

Subject: Boron and Silicon.

LECTURE by Babu Ram Chandra Datta, F. C. S. on *Saturday*, the *12th Inst.*, from 3 to 4 P. M.

Subject: Arsenic; Detection of Acids.

MAHENDRA LAL SIRCAR, M. D.,

December 13th, 1890. *Honorary Secretary.*

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN BENGAL

THE reports from the several Commissioners of Divisions on the working of District Boards in Bengal during 1889-90, have been reviewed by the Local Government in an elaborate and instructive Resolution. There were during the year 38 District Boards and 106 Local Boards, and the total population comprised within their jurisdiction was, in round numbers, 57 millions. The total number of members of District Boards was 797, of whom more than one-half or 460 were appointed by Government and 337 were elected, the average number of members of each District Board being 20·97. The number of Europeans or Eurasians was 186, and that of Natives 611. So many as 584 members were non-officials and the rest were officials, including the Chairman. The Magistrate of the District was in every instance re-appointed Chairman of the District Board on the expiry of his term of office. The total number of members of Local Boards was 1,203, of whom about one-third or 435 were elected, and the rest nominated by Government. The percentage of officials and Europeans on Local Boards was smaller than that on District Boards, the number of the former being only 163 and that of the latter 97. The average number of members of each Local Board was 11·35. No detailed information regarding the professional occupation of the members of Boards is given; but we are told that, generally speaking, they consist of zemindars and talukdars, pleaders and Government servants, with a somewhat larger proportion of medical practitioners and mookhtears in the case of Local Boards. It is worthy of note that in districts where they are to be found, indigo and tea planters, railway employes and managers of European firms always enjoy a fair share of representation. The second general election of members of District and Local Boards took place last year, and the elections were on the whole successfully conducted. A fair amount of interest was taken in the elections, and, with a few exceptions, fairly suitable and representative members were elected. In some places the voters displayed the greatest interest in the proceedings; while in a few thannahs there was a failure of election. The total number of meetings of District Boards held during the year under report was 448, giving an average of 11·79 meetings for each Board, and the total number of meetings held by the Local Boards was 788, the average for each being 7·43. We fully agree with the Commissioner of Burdwan that all the business of the various departments now under the control of the District and Local Boards cannot be satisfactorily transacted in less than twelve meetings during the year. No Union Committees have yet been appointed, but a scheme for their establishment has been drawn up and submitted to the Government of India for sanction.

The total income of District Boards during the year under review amounted to 62¾ lakhs of rupees and the total expenditure to 61¾ lakhs. The year 1888-89 closed with a credit balance of 18¼ lakhs, but at the close of the past year this balance was increased to 19⅓ lakhs. Of course, the largest and most important source of income of the Boards is Provincial rates, which last year amounted to 34½ lakhs, or more than half the total income. The total receipts from pounds were about 4 lakhs and from ferries &c 3¼ lakhs. In regard to the administration of pounds, the Lieutenant-Governor rightly holds that it is necessary in the interest of District Boards that these should be systematically inspected by some responsible officer on their own behalf. There can be no doubt that such inspection would result in an expansion of revenue. We are inclined that the systematic inspection of pounds by a responsible officer would have another advantage. It would ensure the proper feeding of the impounded cattle which are now too often left to starve and the feeding charges are misappropriated by the pound-keeper. As regards ferries, the Lieutenant-Governor considers that their management by District Boards during the past year has not been unsatisfactory. A larger income from this source in the current year is expected, as the estimate of local officers exceeds 3½ lakhs. The total amount contributed from Provincial funds to District Boards last year was nearly 11 lakhs, or 4½ lakhs in excess of the previous year. It should, however, be remembered that this result is chiefly due to late adjustments, the Government grants in many cases for two years and in some instances for three years, having been drawn by the Boards in the year under report. The fixed annual grant made from Provincial funds to District Boards amounts to less than 4¼ lakhs. In addition to this a contract grant was made to the Boards, amounting in the past year to 2¼ lakhs for the maintenance of Provincial roads, which have been transferred to their charge. Special grants were also made to the District Boards of Durbhanga and Mozufferpore for expenditure on relief works. Turning to expenditure, we find that the amounts spent on administration, Education and Civil Works were, respectively, 2½ lakhs, 10 lakhs and 38½ lakhs. There was a slight increase in the cost of general administration, for which various reasons have been assigned; but these need not be noticed. We are glad to notice that rules have been laid down declaring the general principles regulating the grant of pensions to employes under local bodies. The total expenditure under Education shows a decrease of a quarter of a lakh as compared with the figures of the previous year. The Lieutenant-Governor observes with satisfaction that the number of primary schools and the expenditure generally on primary education increased during the year. But the number of middle schools slightly declined owing to the withdrawal of the grants which had been made in some cases from the allotment for primary education. The relations between the Boards and the Deputy Inspectors in the majority of districts were eminently satisfactory. The Lieutenant-Governor, however, points out that the Boards' control and management of middle schools of various classes is less efficient than when the work was performed by officers of the Education Department; and that improvement can only be obtained by perseverance. His Honour notices with much satisfaction the measures adopted by District Boards for the encouragement of female medical education, and he trusts that the Boards will persevere in this good work, and that the time will come when the fullest advantage will be taken of the opportunities offered to female medical students. The Public Works expenditure of the District Boards has increased in three years by five lakhs. In some districts a considerable expenditure was incurred on original works during the past year. We see that several proposals for the construction of tramways came under the consideration of District Boards last year, but no work was dertaken. We are told that the Howrah-Ampta and Howrah-Sheakhalla scheme are now under consideration in the Public Works Department. The construction of steam tramways on the Gya-Nawada Road in the Gya district and on the Ganges and Darjeeling Road between Purneah and Kissengunge are also under consideration. It is worthy of note that in many districts expenditure is incurred in the maintenance of water communications as well as roads; and the Lieutenant-Governor rightly holds that such expenditure is most judicious.

Generally speaking, the Commissioners have reported favourably on the working of District and Local Boards during the past year. Mr. Toynbee, the Commissioner of Burdwan, records his opinion that both the District and Local Boards in his division have done good work during the year. He writes:—"Now that complete sets of rules have been framed and the routine work has begun to settle down into a groove, I think that the next step to be taken is to gradually withdraw the appointment of official Chairman. I would not at first allow the members of District Boards to elect their own Chairmen, but they might nominate them, and the District Magistrates in forwarding the nomination might report fully on the business and other qualifications of the nominees. The experiment might for the present be tried in Hugbly and Burdwan. If successful, it would be afterwards extended to other districts in this division. In making this recommendation, I do so on the assumption that the principles of local self-Government have been finally accepted as the policy of the future, and that every possible step to that end is to be taken which is consistent with caution and a due regard for the interests of the general public." We are strongly of opinion that the excellent suggestion made by Mr. Toynbee should receive the most careful and attentive consideration of the Bengal Government. The experiment might at first be tried on the districts of the 24-Pergunnahs and Nuddea in the Presidency Division and in Hughly and Burdwan in the Burdwan division; and when it has proved successful in these four districts, as we have every hope it will, the system might be gradually extended with due caution to other selected districts. Mr. Smith, the Commissioner of the Presidency Division, will not, we feel assured, object to the withdrawal of official Chairmen from the District Boards at Alipore and Krishnagore, as he reports that all the Boards in his division have worked smoothly and successfully during the year, and that the members generally have evinced much interest in the proceedings. Mr. Lewis, the Commissioner of the Rajshahye Division, states that the District Boards, on the whole, have worked well; but he thinks that they depend a good deal on the official Chairmen. Mr. Power, the Commissioner of the Dacca Division, has expressed his opinion, that the past year was one of fair progress. Mr. Kemble, the Commissioner of Patna, says that much interest has been manifested by all the members of the Boards in all the districts of his division except Champarun; and that the members of the District Boards have worked satisfactorily on the whole and in harmony with the executive. Mr. Quinn, the Commissioner of Bhagulpore, had little personal knowledge of the working of the several local bodies in his division during the past year, but basing his conclusion on the general tenor of the district reports, he states that the District and Local Boards have on the whole discharged the duties entrusted to them in a satisfactory manner, and that fair progress has been made in the execution of the works under their control. Mr. Mosley, the Commissioner of Orissa, writes:—"The Local Self-Government Act has been in operation for a comparatively short time, and the system has not had time to develop fully in all departments. Generally speaking, the administration has been satisfactory." Mr. Lyall, the Commissioner of Chittagong, is the only divisional officer who does not speak favourably of the working of the District and local bodies in his division. But we must not forget that Mr. Lyall also reported unfavourably on the working of Municipalities in the Chittagong Division. The Lieutenant-Governor points out one or two blemishes, but His Honor says that "the record of the year has been a very favourable one. Good work has again been done

and all departments show a satisfactory expansion of administration."

SIR AUCKLAND COLVIN AT THE CANNING COLLEGE.

SIR AUCKLAND COLVIN presided at the recent distribution of prizes to the meritorious students of the Canning College, Lucknow, and delivered a speech on the occasion. As this utterance contains an indication of Sir Auckland's educational policy, it demands more than a passing notice. He began by pointing out that next to the Miur College and the Agra College the number of students in the Canning College is largely in excess of any other college in the Province, and that it has long obtained and maintained the highest reputation for efficiency. The results of the College for the year 1889-90, both with regard to the B. A. examination of the Allahabad University and to the Intermediate examination were highly satisfactory. Nine candidates went up for the B. A. and all of them passed; while of 62 students who appeared at the "Little-go," 39 passed—a higher percentage than in any other college in the United Provinces. Sir Auckland Colvin referred to the increase of students in the College, the number on the rolls whereof has risen from 650 in 1888 to 907 in 1890, and observed :—"This increase in the numbers is probably due to the establishment of the Allahabad University, to which we owe a general impulse to English education throughout the Province. But the increase of Mahomedans, to which you draw attention, must be due to other causes, and this is a peculiar satisfaction to all those who, like myself, desire to see that section of our society to assume the place which its capacity, traditions and history would entitle it to occupy. I trust that, as time goes on, the large and important Mahomedan population of this great Mahomedan city will identify itself more and more with English education, recognising the fact that the English language is henceforth inseparably connected with the growth and progress of all classes of the community. It has given me much pleasure to-day to see among the successful students more than one who belongs to the highest families in Lucknow. I trust that their example will encourage others, and that, without abandoning whatsoever is of value and interest to them in their own literature, the Mahomedans of Oudh will look to this College as giving them opportunities ready to their hand of making themselves proficient in the English tongue, without a knowledge of which they must now be aware that they will remain outside the progress of the present age, and confined within archaic limits on ground which, whatever may be its historic and monumental interest, is incontestably barren of the seeds of that intellectual and material progress towards which the English Government never ceases to invite them." These observations, although addressed immediately to the Mahomedans of Oudh, are applicable to the Mahomedan community throughout the length and breadth of India. Lord Lansdowne, speaking at the Agra College the other day, noticed with regret the fact that out of the 200 students in the College only 10 are Mahomedans. Agra, like Lucknow, is a great Mahomedan city, but the Mussulman population of the Imperial city of Abkar do not care to avail themselves of the advantages of English education which have been placed within their reach. Lord Harris recently told the Mahomedans of Surat in plain terms that if they were left behind in the race for progress which is now going on in India, they would have only themselves to thank for the result. We hope earnestly that our Mussulman fellow-subjects will act up to the valuable advice which has been recently given them by Lords Lansdowne and Harris, and by Sir Auckland Colvin.

It has been arranged that the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces who is *ex-officio* Chancellor of the Allahabad University, will preside at the annual Convocation of that University to be held next month. Sir Auckland Colvin has, accordingly, reserved for that occasion an expression of his views on the general subject of education. Speaking at the Canning College, His Honor, however, availed himself of the opportunity to evince the interest he feels in, and the desire he has to identify himself with the cause of higher education in Oudh. This expression of sympathy with the cause of higher English education on the part of the ruler of the United Provinces will certainly have a good effect. Sir Auckland quoted with approval a passage from the Report submitted by Mr. White, the able principal of the Canning College. In this passage Mr. White says:—"It is also a well-known fact that, generally speaking, the boys in our schools have not been taught to *think*, that in the teaching they have received their powers of reflection have been allowed to lie dormant and only their powers of memory called into play. For this the University is responsible as the school-master has to teach up to what the University requires, it is admitted that no student should be received into a College unless he be intellectually fit to profit by the instruction given. It is, therefore, incumbent on the University authorities so to frame their Entrance-Examination that thought may count for as much as memory or even more. But the problem is so difficult that the Syndicate of the Calcutta University have been working at it for thirty years, and have not solved it yet; and there have been men on that Syndicate of no mean ability." Referring to these remarks, Sir Auckland Colvin declared that it would be for the Syndics of the Allahabad University to endeavour gradually so to shape the course of studies in the United Provinces, by the manner and matter of their examinations, as to remove the defect in the University system of India pointed out by Mr. White in the passage quoted above. His Honor then continued:—"As I have already said, this is not the place to enter into discussion on a question of this kind; but reading it in the Report before me, and recognising its value both on account of the authority form which it comes and because it represents views which others equally competent to form an opinion have from time to time urged upon me, I am unwilling to pass it over in silence on this occasion. It is only by recognising the drawbacks and failures of the present system that we can hope to profit by them, and to shape the course of education in these Provinces on lines corresponding to the aptitudes and character of the people of our Provinces, whose note of intellectual character as a community it must be our special care to study. Teaching, which does not train the thinking faculty of the pupil, or which calls into play only his powers of memory, is self condemned; specially in a country where it is and must remain our chiefest aim to train the youthful mind in habits of accurate reasoning, independent observation, and of patient and laborious processes of disciplined thought. Faculties of memory and imagination we shall have no difficulty in finding among our pupils; our aim must be, in my judgment, to strengthen those faculties in which the mind of the Province is most deficient, and to that end to call upon it to submit itself to a vigorous training, more especially on subjects which though they may be less immediately attractive to it, are essential to calling into healthy exercise the full range of its faculties, and in strengthening those parts of its intellectual organisation to which attention seems more particularly called." It will be seen that in his Convocation address to be delivered next month Sir Auckland Colvin will explain how the Syndicate of the University of which he is Chancellor propose to remove the defect in the educational system of the country to which attention has been drawn by Mr. White. We need hardly say that we shall await with great interest a full exposition of Sir Auckland's reviews on this important question, the discussion of which we postpone till they have been laid before the public. The reader will remember that we had from the first suspected that the real aim of the originators of the movement for establishing a separate University at Allahabad was to lower the present standard of education; and that our suspicion, we fear, is about to be verified. Under the pretence of removing the drawbacks and failures of the present system, the Syndicate of the University would probably so shape the course of education in the United Provinces as to lower its standard materially. Their proceedings in this matter will have to be carefully watched by the public.

THE FAREWELL ADDRESS TO SIR STEUART BAYLEY.

THE Bayley Memorial Committee waited in deputation on the retiring Lieutenant-Governor at Belvedere on Friday last in order to present the Farewell Address, which was adopted the other day at the rooms of the British Indian Association. The handsome casket in which the Address was enclosed, bore the following inscription :—

Presented to
The Hon'ble Sir Steuart Colvin Bayley
K. C. S. I., C. I. E.
In token of his Eminent Services,
as
Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal
By his friends and admirers in Bengal, Behar and Orissa—12th December 1890.

The Address was presented by His Highness the Maharaja of Dumraon, and read out by Maharaja Bahadur Sir Jotendra Mohun Tagore K. C. S. I., Sir Steuart replied as follows:—

Maharajahs and gentlemen,—Seldom have I had a more difficult task, or one which more completely overpowers me with a sense of my own helplessness than that endeavour, which your kindness imposes on me, of giving expression to my gratitude for the great, the magnificent honor you have done me in coming here this evening to offer me your farewell address. When I look around me, and see the various classes of whom your deputation is composed, representing diverse nationalities and various religions; heads of old historical houses, leaders of thought and opinion in various professions and walks of life, I might for a moment be tempted to give way to an undue feeling of elation. But the feeling is succeeded by one of a very different nature—how little I have really done to deserve such kindness, and how vast the reward in proportion to the services rendered. I can only say again that considering my own shortcomings; considering, too, the frequent occasions in which my action has run counter to the views or interests of one or other of the classes and communities here represented. I am overwhelmed at the kindness which has induced many of you to come from long distances, and all of you to contribute your time, your trouble, and your money to unite in offering me this farewell honor. I cannot find words to say how deeply I feel your kindness, nor how sensible I am to the great honor done to me. It is not necessary that I should reply to the various points in your address, nor to make my reply in detail, and *apologia pro vita mia;* but on one or two of those points I have a few words to say. You are good enough to credit me with "having endeavoured to obtain the best results for the existing machinery of administration, by close supervision, and gradual improvement." That I have succeeded in this aim, I am far from supposing, but you are right in assuming that this has been my end avour. (Applause.) In a speech which I had occasion to make at Patna more than three years ago, I indicated that the only policy I set before me was to go on steadily doing the day's work as it came, remedying defects where I could, looking for no striking results, nor giving way to any far-reaching ambitions, but reforming little by little to meet actual necessities in a practical way. Now in order to do this, I claim that to make the best use of the existing machinery is the only sound and wise policy. (Applause.) He is a bad workman, we are told, who complains of his tools. But I would go much further and say that a man who does not recognise that in the existing machinery he has a superb instrument at his disposal, is very wanting in discernment. I cannot too warmly express my admiration for both the great branches of the service, on whom the administration of this country devolves. Whether the executive or the judicial, whether the covenanted, or uncovenanted, whether Europeans or Natives of India, these officers with daily increasing difficulties, of hostile criticisms, of isolation of undue pressure, have done and are doing noble work; and for efficiency, honesty and impartiality, can challenge comparison with any similar body. But I should be wanting in gratitude if I ended here. For such success as I have achieved, I am indebted more than I can say, to the ripe experience, to the untiring industry and wise counsels of my Secretaries. (Applause). I am not ashamed of being told that I am dependant on my Secretaries. (Applause) It is for the advice and assistance to me that they are there, and

to no one am I more indebted than to my old and dear friend Sir John W. Edgar, my Chief Secretary. (Loud applause). I cannot say how much I owe to his advice, support and assistance; and if parting with him is one of the bitterest elements in the cup of my separation from India, I am glad to think that he remains to give the same loyal assistance and support to my successor, for which I am so much indebted. To my existing machinery then, I am glad to tender my sincere gratitude (Applause), and if in endeavouring to obtain good results from them without startling changes that my administration has been colorless, I am not ashamed to take it as a compliment. (Applause.) I am much gratified at the reference your address makes to my services in Behar. I am profoundly touched at the number of my old friends who have come down from that province to bid me farewell. I cannot but take a very special interest in the province in which most of my mofussil service, many of my happiest days, have been passed (applause), and where I have for years been on terms of the most intimate acquaintance with so many of its notables. You have alluded to the difficulty of governing an enormous population, of such various races and religions, with divers feelings and interests. I do not think you can exaggerate the difficulty, but I do not desire now to dwell upon it. I have, however, something to say from another point of view on the clash of conflicting interests and conflicting sentiments which this diversity of race and religion brings into prominence, so far as religion is concerned. You have many of you read what in a recent speech at Agra His Excellency the Viceroy said of the eager desire expressed by Her Majesty the Queen, that every efforts should be made to put an end to the antagonism and hostility which have recently in many places culminated in serious affrays. I have endeavoured whenever an opportunity has offered to impress on the leaders of both religions their responsibility for so exercising their undoubted influence over their less instructed brethren as to lead them to the way of peace, It has also been my special anxiety to contribute, so far as lay in my power, to the cooling down of any waves of the race antagonism that might still linger as a residuum of the great disturbance of those waters that took place some years ago. (Applause.) It is, therefore, a source of very special gratification to me to find on this occasion the leaders of divergent religions, and of both races brought into harmonious co-operation, which shows how willing, even for an object of no great significance they are to combine in action, and thus to set an example which will, I trust, universally be followed. (Applause.) Before I sit down I should like to acknowledge the great assistance I have received from my non-official friends, whether as individuals or in co-operation, in informing me as to public opinion and giving me their advice, which no ruler (of Bengal) can afford to disregard—and to me it has been most useful And now, gentlemen, the hardest part of my task remains. I have spent 35 years in India, and find it very hard to say farewell. I have everything to be grateful for. No expression of my gratitude can be adequate for the very great compliment you are paying me in your presence here to-day. I am thankful that my connection with India will not be altogether severed (applause), for if she is a step-mother, to me at least she has been a very indulgent one. And though called the "land of regrets," she has never caused me such regrets as I feel on leaving her. To you all, gentlemen, collectively and individually, I bid you all a most reluctant farewell

The speech is a most feeling one, and was greatly appreciated by the gentlemen present, Sir Steuart has given in it a succinct account of his life's work, and has silenced the hostile criticisms of his enemies. The reference he made to the valuable assistance he recieved from his Secretaries was a very happy one, and called forth loud applause. We also bid a most reluctant farewell to Sir Steuart Bayley, who will long live in the memory of the people. The work he has done in the country will be an enduring monument of his administration. That he may live long and be happy is the earnest prayer of all his friends and admirers.

REWARDS OF PUBLIC MEN.

THERE is wisdom in the policy of the Government of India which makes its appointments to the Legislative Council of the Viceroy honorable by making the means by which, in the case of men who may fitly be called representative, honors may worthily be won. If the policy were more often strictly carried out there would be fewer complaints against the Council as an institution. Rightly regarded the Legislative Council of India should contain as many representative and as few ornamental members as possible. In some cases the Government has been more than commonly happy in its choice, and has greatly to its own advantage and to that of the country called to its counsels men of exceptional ability and more than that exceptional claims to be considered representative. One such public man has just completed a second term of service in the Council where his sound common sense, great experience and wise moderation have had their proper weight in questions other than those specially affecting his own community. Raja Durga Churn Law C. I. E. fortunately for himself and the public occupies a position for an exact parallel to which we shall seek in vain. His wealth and connection with land, joined to an intimate knowledge of the wants and feelings of the people cause him to be accepted as one of the most notable men in the Native community, whilst his position as head of the firm of Messrs Prawnkissen Law and Co., and his wide-spread relations with the commercial community have made him a valued exponent of mercantile interests when these have come up before the Council during his term of office. It is very well known that he enjoys the confidence and respect of both Europeans and natives. His second term of service in the Legislative Council has, irrespective of the part he has taken in the consideration of many important measures, confirmed and defined his peculiar place in public life. He has never failed to champion the interests he was there to represent, but then he has done so under a full sense of responsibility, and in a manner to command the respect of his colleagues and the confidence and admiration of the public. If great weigh has been attached to his advice it is because he has never sought to shine, but has been content to seek to be useful rather than to be brilliant. Now that his second tenure of the office of legislator has drawn to a close it is to be hoped that he will not be allowed to resume a private station without an indication that the gracious Sovereign, it has been his fortunate lot to serve so well on two occasions, knows how to appreciate labours as unostentatious as they were ungrudgingly and zealously given. Honor done to such a man is conferred on the whole native community. The rewards of public men with a high and blameless record like that of Raja Durga Churn Law act as a stimulus of the best kind. They not only single out the individual man, but they proclaim the qualities which most effectually make for success, and which therefore it is most desirable for those who aspire to be our leaders to cultivate. Raja Durga Churn already wears the signs of the approval vouchsafed by the Queen Empress to his past services, and should Her Majesty be pleased to again do him honour, the reward would be as worthily worn as it has been deservedly earned.

Syed Ameer Hosein also has completed his second term of office in the Viceregal Council. He worthily represented the community to which he belongs, and the services he has rendered are well worthy of some fitting recognition. The gentlemen who represented the Mahomedan community before in the Supreme Legislative Council have been knighted. We need only mention the names of Sir Ahmed of Allygurh, Sir Faiz Ali, and Sir Nawazish Ali. Let us hope that the Government of India will duly consider the claims which Mr. Ameer Hosein has established.

LATEST NEWS AND NOTES

As announced before, His Excellency the Viceroy and suite arrived in the Presidency on Tuesday morning by special train. The usual formalities attending such ceremonies were observed, but owing to the arrival being comparatively early in the morning the street muster or the Government House or platform gathering was not as large as might be expected.

THE Viceregal levee will be held tomorrow at 9-30 P.M. when a very large attendance is expected. The Drawing Room will be held on Thursday.

WE are glad to be able to assure our readers that there is not the slightest truth in the report that Sir John Edgar will retire at an early date.

THE Hon'ble G. H. P. Evans has been re-appointed an Additional Member of the Legislative Council of India.

THE Tirhut planters presented Sir Steuart Bayley with a farewell address on Saturday. Sir Steuart was certainly not popular with the Natives alone.

AT Saturday's Meeting of the Senate Sir Henry Harrison moved that in consideration of the satisfactory guarantees given by the Proprietor of Ripon College, the proposed partial disaffiliation of the College, in the judgment of the Senate, is no longer necessary. The resolution was seconded by Sir John Edgar and carried with but one dissentient vote.

THE following mischievous rule regarding the Tagore Law Professorship was adopted by the Senate at their meeting on Saturday last :—

4. The copies of the introductory lecture and the brief synopsis so sent shall be referred to a Committee of the Faculty of Law, consisting of five members to be chosen by the Faculty, who shall consider the same and report thereon to the Faculty who shall recommend a candidate to the Senate for election.

It will do a great deal of harm. Canvassing now will practically be confined to a Council of 'five,' and those who have any experience in canvassing know what that means.

THE first meeting of the Bengal Council was held on Saturday last, when Sir Steuart Bayley introduced Sir Charles Elliott to the members. His Honor the President made a statement of the business of the session.

Sir Steuart said that he was afraid they would consider that he had called them there that day rather under false pretences, when the ostensible cause was that he was going to make a statement regarding the course of legislation during the session. But as a matter of fact the statement that he had to make was regarding the absence of any legislative business. There was in the notice paper a motion with regard to a Bill to repeal certain obsolete enactments. The Government of India in their Legislative Council under Sir Andrew Scoble were clearing away dead matter from their Statute Book, and they desired that a similar course should be taken by this Council in regard to the Bengal Statutes. The Hon'ble Mr. Allen had in hand, and would move for leave to introduce, a Bill for that purpose, which would be proceeded with somewhat later on and after careful examination. There was one other Bill on the anvil, which had been printed and was ready to be introduced: but after some correspondence with the Secretary of State they found that it required certain alterations to be made, and it would probably take some little time before it was ready. It was a Bill in connection with the amendment of the Court of Wards Act. These were the only two Bills which he could say were at all ready to be laid before the Council at present. There was another Bill which had been printed and circulated, which some of the members may have seen in their capacity as members of the Associations consulted. It had reference to the Bengal Revenue Sale Law. It was a very important Bill and would require careful consideration. But the reports of all the bodies consulted had not yet been received and it would probably be some months before it would be ready to be laid before the Council. Beyond these Bills, he had no work on hand that would require their attention. He was, however, very glad of the opportunity of calling them together that day before his departure—first, that he might have the pleasure of introducing them to his successor, Sir Charles Elliott, and, secondly, that he might express before he went his gratitude for the assistance they had given him, and his extreme satisfaction at the way in which business had always been conducted in that Council. It was a matter of great regret to him that he was leaving them, and that he would have nothing more to say in that Council. The Presidency hereafter would devolve on his friend Sir Charles Elliott, and he was quite sure they would give him all the loyal assistance which they had given him.

WE learn that Mr. P. C. Lyon has been selected as Private Secretary to Sir Charles Elliott. Mr. Lyon has already acted in that capacity under Sir Steuart Bayley, and was, moreover, at one time Personal Assistant to Sir Charles. As Under-Secretary to the Bengal Government Mr. Lyon has given entire satisfaction, and it goes without saying that hardly a better arrangement could be made. Mr. Lyon like his distinguished Chief is in perfect sympathy with the people.

THE Municipal water party on Monday last was a great success. The Commissioners mustered strong on the invitation of their Chairman and Sir Charles Elliott, the principal guest, had the fullest opportunity of making their acquaintance which he did not neglect. His affability and desire for information in connection with all municipal questions struck all. The Pulta water works which are about to be extended were inspected and there was altogether a pleasant day's outing. Sir Charles on coming to office and after the arrival of the Viceroy might not have so much time to spare for our city fathers and their constituents and they ought to be sincerely thankful for the attention which Sir Charles has shown them.

PARLIAMENT has been adjourned until the 22nd of January,

THE Viceroy gave a farewell dinner to Sir Steuart Bayley on Thursday evening. In proposing Sir Steuart's health the Viceroy spoke most eulogistically of his long and meritorious services.

THE first meeting of the Viceregal Council was held on Friday last. The Hon. Sir Alexander Wilson, the Hon. Mr. Crosthwaite and the Hon. Sir Romesh Chunder Mitter were added to the Select Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in British India. The Hon. Mr. Bliss was added to the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Indian Factories Act, 1881, the Bill to amend the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, was referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon. Mr. Hutchins, the Hon. Mr. Crosthwaite, the Hon. Sir Romesh Chunder Mitter, and the Hon. Sir A. Scoble. The Hon. Mr. Halliday and the Hon. Rao Bahadur Krishnaji Lakshman Nulkar were added to the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871. The Bill to amend the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, was referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon. Mr. Hutchins, the Hon. Mr. Crosthwaite, the Hon. Mr. Bliss, and the Hon, Sir A. Scoble. The Bill to repeal certain obsolete Enactments and to amend certain other Enactments was referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon. Mr. Crosthwaite, the Hon. Mr. Bliss, the Hon. Sir Romesh Chunder Mitter, and the Hon. Sir A. Scoble.

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SIR CHARLES CROSTHWAITE is expected to reach Calcutta on the 18th instant.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Bengal Branch of the Countess of Dufferin Fund will be held at Belvedere to-day. Sir Steuart and Lady Bayley as well as Sir Charles and Lady Elliott will be there and Sir Charles will accept the patronship of the Bengal Branch. Lady Elliott will be the Lady President of the Executive Committee.

THE following gentlemen have been reappointed Members of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor for making Laws and Regulations:—The Hon. Sir H. L. Harrison, the Hon. T. T. Allen, the Hon. Dr. Rash Behari Ghose, and the Hon. Prince Mahomed Ferrokh Shah. Mr. A. H. Wallis has also been appointed a Member of the Council.

THE Viceroy has nominated Mr. Robert Crosthwaite, C. S. I., to be Agent to the Governor-General for Central India, in succession to Mr. Henvey, who retires on the 1st of January.

REUTER telegraphs that Sir Alexander Miller succeeds Sir Andrew Scoble as Legal Member of Council in India. There will be some disappointment in Mr. Justice Wilson not filling the office as had been expected, for there is hardly one better fitted for the post. Sir Alexander Miller was the President of the Railway Commission, appointed sometime ago in England. He is nearly 54 years of age. The appointment, it is stated, was originally offered to Sir Frederick Pollock, Professor of Jurisprudence in the Oxford University, but he declined it.

MR. BERTRAM WODEHOUSE CURRIE has been appointed a Member of the Council at the India Office for a further term of five years.

PRINCE Mahomed Ferok Shah, the worthy representative of the Mysore family, has been appointed Sheriff of Calcutta for the ensuing year. His solicitor Babu Gonesh Chunder Chunder who filled the post with great credit and ability with Dr. Mahendra Lal Sircar M. D., as his Chief, has been re-appointed Deputy Sheriff.

SIR STEUART BAYLEY'S last garden party at Belvedere on Thursday last was an entire success. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Lansdowne Lady Evelyn Fitzmaurice and Lady Beatrice Fitzmaurice, and a large party from Government House, were present and opportunity was taken to introduce Sir Charles Elliott to the Native nobles and gentlemen present.

Sir Steuart Bayley bade the naval volunteers farewell on board the brig *Chinsura* on Thursday morning. The European community of Calcutta who have been unjustly charged of indifference towards Sir Steuart will bid his Honor farewell at a ball to-night at the Town Hall. An unprecedented and singular compliment has been paid to Sir Steuart Bayley by Lord Lansdowne who of his own motion has joined the Committee of entertainment as one of the hosts.

THE Congress programme has had to be slightly changed. Mr. Ganz is unable to preside as announced, and his place will be taken by Mr. Pherozesha Mehta, the well-known Bombay Barrister. Mr. Mehta is one of the foremost citizens of Bombay and is an excellent speaker. He holds high position in society and has all qualifications to make a most successful President of the Congress. A working Committee has been appointed who meet at the Congress premises every day and they are working with a remarkable zest the result of which is that the arrangements are being pushed on very rapidly. The election of delegates is progressing apace.

A MEETING of the Sir Steuart Bayley Memorial Committee was held on Wednesday last at the rooms of the British Indian Association. The subscriptions already amount to over Rs. 38,000, and we are sure the Memorial will in every way be worthy of the retiring Lieutenant Governor.

THE Farewell Service Dinner to the Lieutenant-Governor took place at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, when 119 gentlemen were present. Mr. Justice Tottenham presided on the occasion and proposed Sir Steuart Bayley's health on his retirement from the service. His Honor replied in cordial terms, and concluded by proposing the toast of the prosperity of the service, united with the name of Sir Charles Elliott. The latter returned thanks expressing his full confidence in the service. Mr. Tottenham then invited the company to toast Mr. C. E. Buckland to whom, the arrangements of the dinner had been entrusted. After that gentleman's reply the entertainment came to a close.

The following is a list of those who were present :—

The Hon'ble Sir Steuart Bayley K. C. S. I., C. I. E., the Hon'ble Sir C. Elliott, K. C. S.I., S.F. Bayley Esq., W. E. Bayley, Esq., Captain Currie, A. D. C., The Hon'ble Sir A. Croft, K. C. I. E., J. Lambert, C. I. E., The Hon'ble G. H. P. Evans, F. Gibbon, C. I. E., W. B. Hudson, C. I. E., Dr. Lethbridge, C. S. I., Dr. G. King, C. I. E., :—*Guests.* The Hon'ble L. R. Tottenham, The Hon'ble F. M. Halliday, The Hon'ble W. Macpherson, The Hon'ble Sir H. L. Harrison Kt. Messrs. E. E. Lowis, J V Worgan, A Smith, W H Doyly, C. C. Stevens Sir John Edgar K. C. I. E., C. S I., The Hon'ble H. Beverly, The Hon'ble Sir D. M. Barbour, K, C. S. I., Messrs. W. Kemble, J. Boxwell, A. C. Brett, D. R. Lyall, C. F., Worsley, E. V. Westmacott, F. W. R. Cowley W. H. Grimley, R. F. Rampini, G. Toynbee, J. F. Stevens, J. S. Armstrong, W. B. Oldham, The Hon'ble H. J. S. Cotton, J. C. Veasey Esq., The Hon'ble P. Nolan, Messrs Forbes, A. J. Crawford, A. A. Wace, W. Fiddian, C. A. Wilkins, H. G. Cooke J. Kellcher, F. W. Badcock, F. H. Barrow. J. A. Bourdillon, C. E, Buckland, F. H. B. Skrine, A. W. Paul, C. W. Bolton, T. R. S. Collier C. R. Marindin, C. J. O'Donnell, H. M. Kisch, G. A. Grierson, E. R. Henry, L. Hare, D. B. Allen, C. M. W. Brett, W. D. Blyth. H. Savage, H, Lee, Brajendra Nath De, F. E. Pargiter, G. W. Place, J. G. Ritchie, C. R. Marriott, C. J: S. Faulder E

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The following gentlemen not belonging to the Lower the Bengal Branch of Civil Service, were also present :—

The Hon'ble R. Crosthwaite, C. J. Lyall, C.I.E., Messrs. S. H. James, J. W. Cuningham, J. F. Finlay, and ex-Civilians,—Messrs. H. Bell, H. B. Simson, and J. Quinn.

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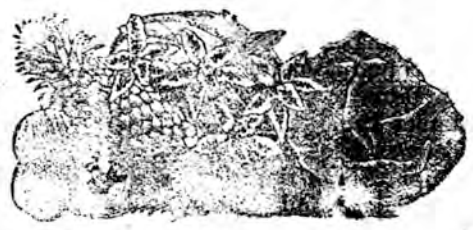

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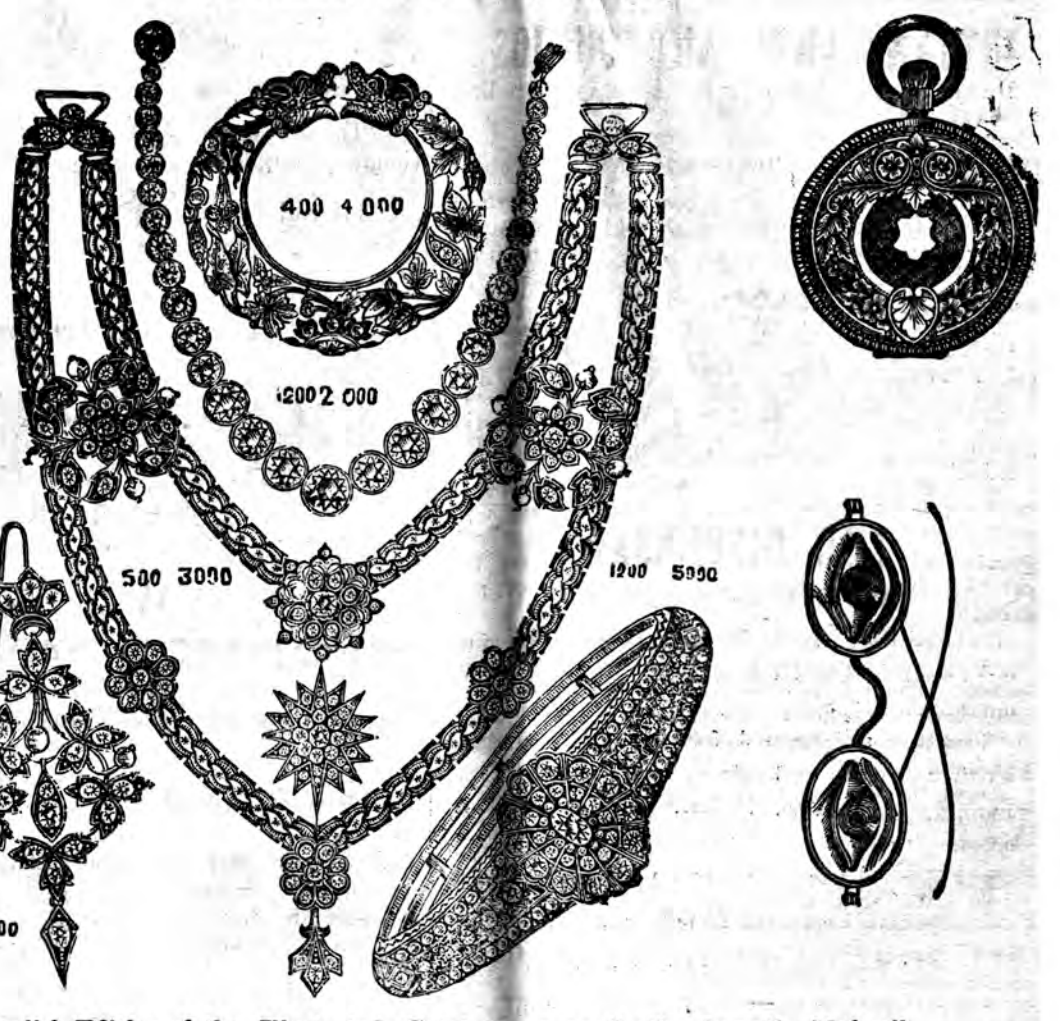

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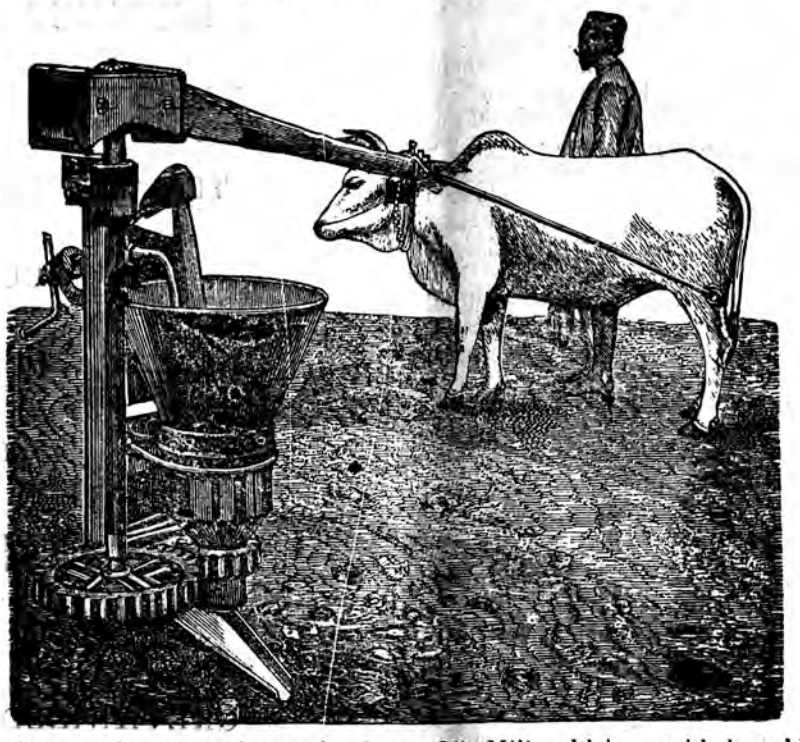

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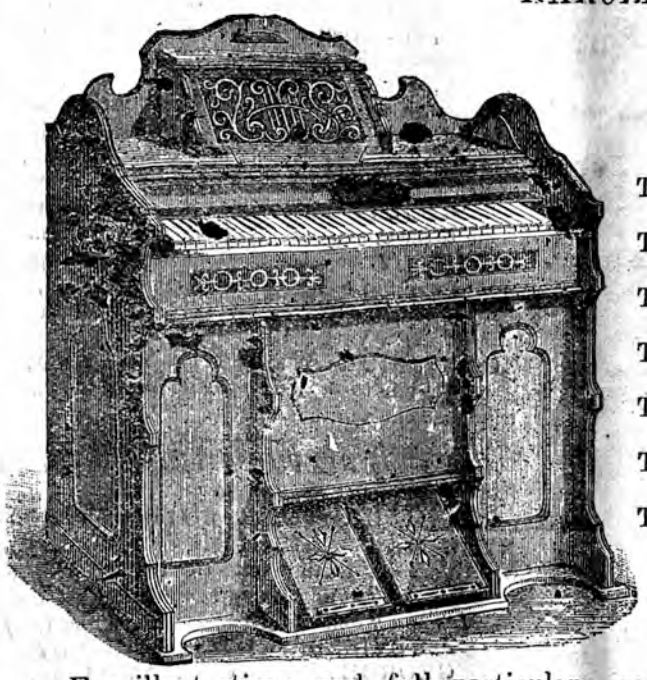

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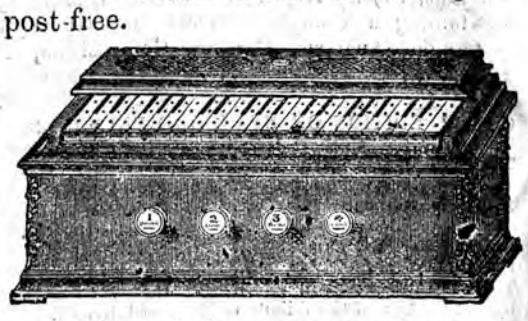

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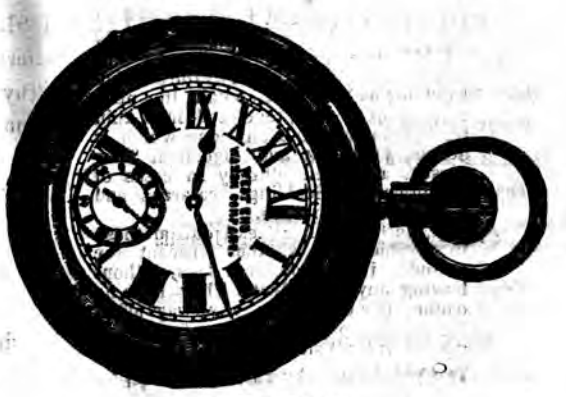

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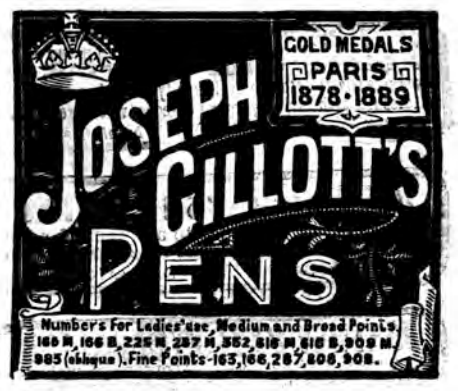
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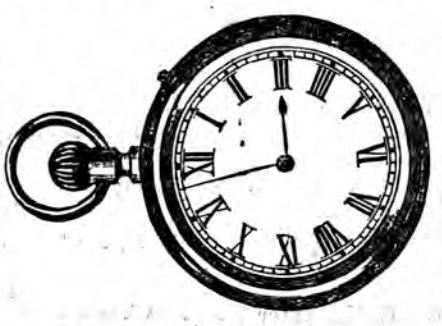

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